

Then the chair called (Sriyuta H. D. Devegowda, C. Byre Gowda, Smt. Damayanthi Boregowda they were not present).

MADAM SPEAKER.—Members are not present. All their notices lapse.

Papers laid on the Table

SRI B. G. BANAKAR (Minister of State for Animal Husbandary):—
I beg to lay:

Notification No. GSR 79 dated 4th March 1977. The
Karnataka Sheep and Sheep Products Development
Rules, 1977.

under section 34 of the Karnataka Sheep and Sheep
Products Development Act, 1973.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Paper is laid.

Statement from Sri M. R. Jayaram

re.—his resignation from Congress and also as a member of the House.

SRI M. R. JAYARAM (Devanahalli).—Madam, I am sending my letter of resignation from this august House. Before I do so I want to seek your permission to make a personal statement.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Hon. Member has given me a notice but he wants to make a statement under rule 293. Rule 293 says that a member may, with the permission of the Speaker, make a personal explanation. Does he want to make a personal explanation?

SRI M. R. JAYARAM.—Yes, Madam.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Then he may make it.

SRI M. R. JAYARAM.—I seek the permission of the House to make a personal statement.

I have already resigned from the Congress Legislative Party. I now very regretfully announce my resignation of the membership of this august house which had the privilege of serving for 5 years.

It has not been an easy decision to make. I belong to a family which can claim to have made a contribution, though humble, to the Congress organisation. We have a long association with the Congress. Therefore, it is not a sudden impulse that I come to this decision. But I see no alternative.

I was elected to this assembly on a Congress ticket on the promise of a programme which proclaimed its intention to end poverty and destitution. But what actually turned out was the opposite of what was intended. A gradual deterioration in our political life was inaugurated.

The once powerful Congress degenerated into an instrument to further the ambitions of certain individuals. Organizational elections were abandoned and steady pilgrimages to Delhi took the place of organisational work. The emergency was a logical culmination of a process initiated much earlier.

Many of us tried our best to fight the steady deterioration. Members of the house are aware of the efforts we repeatedly made to focus attention on the growing corrupt practices of the Government and the Chief Minister. I cannot feel but bitter that in our anxiety not to hurt the organisation, many of us also became, though unwilling instruments of the power game. By not raising the banner of revolt, we may also be termed guilty of having compromised with the naked assertion of dictatorial power. By way of explanation, I can only say that many of us did not know the whole truth.

Since I was elected on the Congress ticket and on a programme which was never implemented, conscience and the need to set up healthy traditions demand that I resign my membership of the house.

I am convinced that a time has come to begin a new era. We must see that never again we shall allow a repetition of the events that lead to untold sufferings to hundreds and thousands of our countrymen.

I know a number of Congressmen share my views. I am appealing to them all to resign from the Congress as well as the house so that the process of cleansing our political life initiated in the general elections can be taken a step further.

Budget Estimates for 1977-78 General Discussion Debate (Contd)

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